1	TRANSCRIPTION OF RECORDED INTERVIEW
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5	Dorothy Kroll
6	(Telephonically)
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1	MR. PATTON: All right. Tape is
2	rolling. And you understand we're
3	tape-recording this by phone? You're okay
4	with that, correct?
5	MS. KROLL: Yes.
6	MR. PATTON: All right. This is Tom
7	Patton, Deputy Attorney General. It is August
8	23, 2012, Thursday, about 2:32 p.m.
9	And you will you state your name
10	again, ma'am?
11	MS. KROLL: Yes. I am Dorothy
12	Kroll, the accounting chief for California
13	State Parks.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay. And this is
15	going to be a supplement to our interview
16	which we recorded yesterday. And tell us what
17	you wanted to augment that interview with.
18	MS. KROLL: Okay. Towards the end
19	of yesterday's interview, you had asked me
20	when was the first time that I had notified
21	Aaron Robertson of the fund condition
22	discrepancies. And I gave you a list of the
23	questions that I had sent to both Kirk Sturm,
24	who was the interim the for the few months
25	before Aaron was hired, and then I had

1	forwarded them to Aaron in late January of
2	2012. And I just wanted to clarify, after I
3	forwarded that to Aaron, Aaron did I
4	believe it was the following week or it might
5	have been two weeks, within two weeks, he gave
6	my boss, David Saxby, the list of questions,
7	and he sent Dave to my office to talk to me
8	about those questions.
9	MR. PATTON: Okay.
10	MS. KROLL: So he did I believe
11	he did try and get some more information via
12	Dave Saxby.
13	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Did you and Dave
14	Saxby then, in fact, discuss your question
15	MS. KROLL: Yes.
16	MR. PATTON: 19 and 20 about the
17	approximate twenty-million-dollar fund
18	discrepancy?
19	MS. KROLL: Yes. The discussion I
20	had with Dave Saxby at that point in time was
21	very brief, it was maybe a twenty-minute
22	discussion, and he just went right down the
23	list of questions and went through it boom,
24	boom, boom. And that was the end of that
25	discussion.

1	MR. PATTON: Did he say anything in
2	particular about this fund discrepancy item in
3	your question 19 and 20?
4	MS. KROLL: No, I don't remember him
5	specifically saying anything.
6	MR. PATTON: Did he ever did you
7	ever have any follow-up conversation with Mr.
8	Saxby about it?
9	MS. KROLL: No, I did not.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. And so the next
11	time you talked with someone about it was
12	when?
13	MS. KROLL: In July, I had a
14	disagreement with Mr. Saxby over something
15	entirely different, and I felt that Mr. Saxby
16	was not being truthful with me, and I was
17	really angry about the situation. And I went
18	in and talked to Aaron about that discussion,
19	and when I went in to talk to him about that,
2 0	I had last year's fund condition statement
21	that Accounting prepares and I had the budget
22	documents that had been submitted to Finance,
23	and I said to Aaron, this is another issue,
2 4	I've been raising it for a very long time, and
25	it needs to get fixed and get fixed now. And
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1 that was in late July. 2 MR. PATTON: Okay. What -- if you don't mind telling me, what was the issue that 3 you were having disagreement over with Mr. 4 Saxby that led you then to go and talk again 6 with Aaron? 7 MS. KROLL: I had -- I had 8 learned -- through the grapevine, I had 9 learned that one of the managers in our budget 10 office was promoted from an SSM1 to an SSM2, 11 and I was very upset about it because this 12 particular employee had not worked in the 13 budget office for very long, and I didn't feel 14 that she was qualified to be promoted to that 15 level, and it was very upsetting to me. 16 So I went to my boss, Mr. Saxby, and 17 I asked him how did that happen, there's never 18 been an SSM2 in the budget shop. He told me 19 he had absolutely nothing to do with it, and I 20 knew that wasn't true. So it was basically a confrontation. Mr. Saxby had not been 21 truthful with me on other occasions over 22 23 various issues over the last almost two years, 24 and I was fed up with it. And so I took that 25 information to Aaron Robertson.

1	MR. PATTON: Okay.
2	MR. MATTSON: Dorothy, you said that
3	you took that information to him in July, was
4	it?
5	MS. KROLL: Yes.
6	MR. MATTSON: It was July? I
7	thought it was before that.
8	MS. KROLL: Well, I had originally
9	sent him the list of questions in late
10	January.
11	MR. MATTSON: Oh, so it was early
12	July?
13	MS. KROLL: It was probably the end
14	of the second week in July. I'm trying to
15	find a calendar. I don't remember the exact
16	date, but it was either the end of the that
17	week of the 13th of July or the beginning of
18	the following week, like the 16th or 17th.
19	MR. PATTON: Okay.
20	MS. KROLL: Somewhere in that week.
21	MR. PATTON: This person that was
22	promoted to an SM2 in the budget section, you
23	said there'd never been an SM2 position, do
24	you is there some is there some you
25	have some sort

1	MS. KROLL: Underlying reason why
2	that
3	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
4	MS. KROLL: was so upsetting?
5	MR. PATTON: Well, I mean, I guess
6	I'm curious if there's some connection between
7	David Saxby and this person.
8	MS. KROLL: Well, David Saxby has
9	been running the budget shop for the last
10	several years. He's my boss. He's also the
11	budget officer's boss.
12	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
13	MS. KROLL: And he hired the current
14	budget officer because he knew her in the
15	past, so he recruited her to come to Parks.
16	MR. PATTON: Uh-huh.
17	MS. KROLL: That was Elsie
18	Brenneman.
19	MR. PATTON: Right.
20	MS. KROLL: The employee that I'm
21	referring to did work in our statewide bond
22	unit, which is a subsection of the budget
23	shop, as a AGPA, and she was moved into the
24	regular side of the budget shop maybe a year
25	and a half earlier than this past July. And
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1	all of a sudden, we now have a budget officer
2	who is an SSM3 and then we have a manager
3	who's an SSM2.
4	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
5	MS. KROLL: They promoted this
6	person from a 1 to a 2.
7	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
8	MS. KROLL: And there's only on
9	that side of the budget shop, I believe
10	there's only about eight staff. So it was
11	very aggravating to me who's sitting over here
12	with a staff of sixty. And yes, I have two
13	Accounting Administrator IIs that work for me.
14	Each one of them have twenty one has, I
15	believe, twenty-two, and the other one has
16	twenty-five staff.
17	MR. PATTON: Uh-huh.
18	MS. KROLL: So it was just extremely
19	inequitable and disturbing to me that this had
20	happened. And it was nothing personal against
21	the person that got the promotion, but I felt
22	that
23	MR. PATTON: So you didn't think
24	that the person who got the promotion was
25	necessarily unqualified; it was a staffing

1	issue?
2	MS. KROLL: It was more aggravating
3	to me because, once again and this had
4	happened before. Once again, Mr. Saxby had
5	manipulated something somewhere to gain a
6	higher-level position where it was not
7	warranted.
8	MR. PATTON: So that's not it's
9	not the first time he had done that?
10	MS. KROLL: That is correct.
11	MR. PATTON: I know you mentioned in
12	your prior interview back in February that
13	he's a son-in-law of Mr. Saxby's was hired
14	in into was it the IT section?
15	MS. KROLL: Yes.
16	MR. PATTON: as an SSM1, I think.
17	MS. KROLL: Yes.
18	MR. PATTON: And you had some
19	questions about that that you didn't think it
20	went through the formal appropriate hiring
21	process.
22	MS. KROLL: No. And in fact, I had
23	heard from several of the managers in the IT
24	shop, they had no idea that there was a
25	position there for that hire, and they were
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1	just told, you're getting this position and
2	we've already hired the person, he's starting
3	on Monday.
4	MR. PATTON: And that person's name
5	is what, Fowler?
6	MS. KROLL: Furry, Paul Furry,
7	F-U-R-R-Y.
8	MR. PATTON: Okay. Do you do you
9	have suspicions of other sort of improper
10	hirings, particular individuals who are
11	sitting in spots where Mr
12	MS. KROLL: Well, I know, and I
13	expressed this in my interview in February on
14	the first investigation, that Mr. Saxby
15	himself, I believe, was hired inappropriately.
16	MR. PATTON: Right.
17	MS. KROLL: He was brought in.
18	He Manuel brought him in as an RA, retired
19	annuitant, to assist the budget shop. And
20	after I don't know, it might have been four
21	months, it might have been a little longer,
22	the Assistant Deputy Director for admin
23	retired, and next thing we knew, Manuel had
24	told David Saxby, go pull your retirement
25	papers from PERS, I need you in this job full
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1	time, go do it today, because the freeze
2	there was a freeze that was coming to all
3	departments. And so the day before the
4	executive order came out about the hiring
5	freeze, he told Dave go pull your papers, I
6	want you in this job. The job was never
7	advertised.
8	MR. PATTON: Right.
9	MS. KROLL: There was no interview
10	process, no nothing.
11	MR. PATTON: Right. The Deputy
12	Director the Assistant Deputy Director
13	who who retired
14	MS. KROLL: It was Gail Bowman.
15	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Okay. Okay. So
16	other than Mr. Saxby's hiring by Mr. Lopez and
17	Mr. Furry's hiring which do we know who is
18	responsible for making that appointing
19	decision for Mr. Furry?
20	MS. KROLL: I believe it was Dave
21	Saxby.
22	MR. PATTON: Is that is the
23	section Furry is in IT? Is that in the admin
24	services section?
25	MS. KROLL: Yes.
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1	MR. PATTON: So
2	MS. KROLL: It's within the
3	Administrative Services Division.
4	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Does and did
5	Mr. Saxby then, as the Assistant Deputy
6	Director for Admin Services, he's got chain of
7	authority command other IT as well?
8	MS. KROLL: Actually, he did not.
9	MR. PATTON: Okay.
10	MS. KROLL: We had a CEA2
11	appointment over the IT shop, and that at the
12	time was Alan Friedman.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. But you think
14	the hiring decision was done by Saxby?
15	MS. KROLL: Oh, yes.
16	MR. PATTON: You have how do you
17	know that as opposed to it being done by Mr.
18	Friedman?
19	MS. KROLL: Well, what I was told
20	was that they were Dave Saxby was on an
21	interview panel for a position that had been
22	advertised as a budget manager position and
23	SSM1 in the budget shop. And next thing I
24	knew, that position was moved and put in IT,
25	and Paul Furry had the position.

1	MR. PATTON: Okay.
2	MS. KROLL: But I don't know behind
3	the scenes the exact happenings how they made
4	that happen.
5	MR. PATTON: Okay.
6	MS. KROLL: Those are only two that
7	I can think of off the top of my head of
8	the as far as the questionable hiring
9	practices.
10	MR. PATTON: All right.
11	MS. KROLL: I believe there are more
12	that Mr. Saxby engineered, but I don't know
13	for sure who and when.
14	MR. PATTON: If you happen to run
15	across that information or it comes to your
16	recollection and you think of other names,
17	give me a call again or shoot me an e-mail and
18	tell me what positions you want to talk about.
19	MS. KROLL: Okay. Mainly, what I
20	was wanting to clarify today was that Aaron,
21	in January and I think I did tell you that
22	yesterday when I gave him that list of
23	questions that included the fund balance
24	issues
25	MR. PATTON: Yeah.

1	MS. KROLL: he did hand that off
2	to Saxby.
3	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
4	MS. KROLL: And at the time, I was
5	very irritated with Saxby. So when Saxby came
6	to talk to me, I gave him very short brief
7	answers, and at the end, he said, okay, so are
8	we good, and I just said yes because I just
9	didn't want to talk to him about any of it.
10	MR. PATTON: All right.
11	MS. KROLL: I just I had had
12	enough of his shenanigans, I guess, is the
13	only word I can think of.
14	MR. PATTON: What other shenanigans?
15	MS. KROLL: Well, Dave Saxby would
16	push the envelope on every single rule,
17	procedure, process. He wanted what he wanted
18	done when he wanted it done, and it didn't
19	matter whether it was against government code
20	or the state administrative manual processes.
21	He would even if you pushed back and said,
22	we can't do this because of SAM Section XYZ,
23	he would interpret those government codes or
24	SAM sections in a way such that he would
25	wiggle his way through it or around it.

1	MR. PATTON: Can you remember any
2	specific examples that you thought were
3	particularly inappropriate and not
4	permissible?
5	MS. KROLL: Well, we had a big
6	discussion probably the year before
7	regarding we have an internal form, it's a
8	Department of Rec DPR, Department of Parks
9	& Recreation form, for the agreement for
10	services for contracting less than 5,000
11	dollars.
12	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
13	MS. KROLL: And the Business
14	Management Services Officer at the time, which
15	was Ted Novak, and Dave Saxby were making
16	changes to that form without getting
17	Department of General Services approval. And
18	I had many discussions with both Ted Novak and
19	Dave Saxby on about the form and we
20	shouldn't be changing this form and we need
21	to if we're going to change it, at least
22	get DGS approval.
23	Well, the two of them met in Dave's
24	office and called our legal analyst that's
25	assigned to our department over at DGS and had
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1	a conversation with that person and then came
2	back and told me that everything was perfectly
3	fine and just get the form changed, and it's
4	going to go through and you just have to
5	accept it. And unbeknownst to them, I had my
6	own staff calling DGS legal to get the
7	opinion, and the same person talked to my
8	staff as talked to them, and the true story
9	was totally different than what Dave came back
10	and said to me. So that was one huge lie that
11	I had caught him in.
12	MR. PATTON: Um-hum.
13	MS. KROLL: And so this
14	relationship, for the last between he and I
15	for the last year and a half, I don't trust
16	him, and this is one of those shenanigans that
17	I'm talking about. DGS said, no, you can't
18	change the form without our approval, and Dave
19	came back and said, yes, we can and we're just
20	going to do it. So it's been frustrating
21	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
22	MS. KROLL: to say the least.
23	MR. PATTON: Yeah. So he changed
24	the form and to reflect that I guess I
25	kind of missed what the import of the change
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1	was.
2	MS. KROLL: Well, the change in the
3	form is that the agreement for services is a
4	contractual agreement.
5	MR. PATTON: Right.
6	MS. KROLL: It's for 5,000 dollars
7	or less.
8	MR. PATTON: Right.
9	MS. KROLL: Anything that's 4,999
10	dollars or less, if we're contracting for,
11	say, a service on a heating and
12	air-conditioning system or something
13	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
14	MS. KROLL: we're supposed to get
15	the contractor come out, tell us how much
16	the get a bid on the work, have the
17	contractor agree to the dollar amount that the
18	work is going to cost and sign the agreement.
19	And then they send us an invoice, and we pay
20	them.
21	What Mr. Novak and Mr. Saxby did was
22	they were insisting that it was okay to line
23	through the dollar amount on this form even
24	though the contractor had already agreed to
25	pay a certain amount, it was okay to line
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1	through the form and put in whatever amount
2	they eventually invoiced us for.
3	MR. PATTON: Okay.
4	MS. KROLL: And I disagreed.
5	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
6	MS. KROLL: And I said, if you're
7	going to change the form and right on the
8	form, it said you cannot change the dollar
9	amount of this form.
10	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
11	MS. KROLL: And I disagreed with him
12	and said, you can't take that language off the
13	form; if you're going to change the form, then
14	you need to go back to DGS and get their
15	approval that it's okay to have the dollar
16	amount of a contract that's already been
17	signed changed. And he didn't want to do
18	that.
19	MR. PATTON: Did he exceed the
20	5,000-dollar threshold?
21	MS. KROLL: No.
22	MR. PATTON: No.
23	MS. KROLL: No. The 5,000 was never
24	exceeded.
25	MR. PATTON: Okay. Do you happen to
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1	have saved any of these invoices?
2	MS. KROLL: Probably my subordinate
3	manager probably has a whole file on this
4	issue, and I probably could find it. But this
5	was just one of various things, and it's just
6	one example of trying to get around the system
7	to get done what he wanted to get done.
8	MR. PATTON: Give us another
9	example.
10	MS. KROLL: Well, the illegal
11	hiring.
12	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
13	MS. KROLL: I can't think of one off
14	the top of my head.
15	MR. PATTON: Okay.
16	MS. KROLL: Well, I can think of
17	one.
18	MR. PATTON: Okay.
19	MS. KROLL: When we got the travel
20	freeze of mission critical only travel, the
21	executive order that Governor Brown put out
22	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
23	MS. KROLL: we were supposed to
24	get approval of the travel and justify why it
25	was mission critical. Well, on the nonmission
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1	critical was both conferences and training,
2	regular employee training. And Dave thought
3	it was okay, here we can get around the system
4	if, instead of calling this event a
5	conference, if we called it a training and
6	said it was job required, then we can get
7	around the governor's executive order
8	MR. PATTON: Okay.
9	MS. KROLL: and allow these
10	people to go.
11	MR. PATTON: So it becomes mission
12	critical by calling it required training?
13	MS. KROLL: Yeah, yeah.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay.
15	MS. KROLL: And that was probably a
16	year ago this past January.
17	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
18	MS. KROLL: I'm trying to remember
19	when the governor's order came out, and I
20	don't have it in front of me.
21	MR. PATTON: Yeah. Anything else?
22	MS. KROLL: Well, like I said, the
23	reason I wanted to clarify was he had turned
24	over that list of questions to Dave. I felt
25	like he had betrayed my trust, Aaron did, and
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1	I talked to him about it a couple of days
2	afterwards and told Aaron that I felt he had
3	betrayed my trust because those questions I
4	wanted him to be asking and getting answers
5	from the people that should know the answers.
6	And he had signed it off to Dave, and I knew
7	that Dave knew about some of the things on
8	that list of twenty-three questions, and he
9	was he wasn't going to do anything about
10	it.
11	MR. PATTON: He was nonresponsive to
12	these issues?
13	MS. KROLL: Nonresponsive, yes,
14	absolutely nonresponsive, and actually a
15	little bit irritated that I had the nerve to
16	go around him and give these to both Kirk
17	Sturm and to Aaron. And so
18	MR. PATTON: Who is Kirk Sturm
19	again?
20	MS. KROLL: Kirk Sturm was the
21	interim admin
22	MR. PATTON: Oh, yeah, right, just
23	there for a couple months in between
2 4	MS. KROLL: Yes.
25	MR. PATTON: Manny and
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1	MS. KROLL: They removed Manuel
2	Lopez.
3	MR. PATTON: Right.
4	MS. KROLL: They brought Kirk Sturm
5	in
6	MR. PATTON: Right.
7	MS. KROLL: just to kind of hold
8	down the fort until they could advertise and
9	fill the position on a permanent basis.
10	MR. PATTON: When you so when you
11	met with Saxby when he came in January a
12	couple weeks after you had given or
13	actually, it was by February
14	MS. KROLL: Probably by February,
15	yeah.
16	MR. PATTON: Right, because your
17	memo to Aaron is January 25, forwarding the
18	list of questions you had previously given to
19	Kirk Sturm.
20	MS. KROLL: Right.
21	MR. PATTON: And then, so Saxby
22	comes and talks with you a couple weeks later,
23	so we're into early February at this point.
24	MS. KROLL: Early February.
25	MR. PATTON: And then you have this
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1	e-mail you showed me of accepting a meeting
2	regarding fund condition statement discussion,
3	and you told me at the meeting was Manny, Lisa
4	Ortega, yourself, and Dave Saxby.
5	MS. KROLL: Yeah. That was an
6	entire year before.
7	MR. PATTON: Oh, I'm sorry. You
8	know what? I missed that. You're right.
9	It's February 2011.
10	MS. KROLL: Yes.
11	MR. PATTON: So that's the meeting
12	you said where you started bringing this up
13	MS. KROLL: Yeah.
14	MR. PATTON: and Manuel kicked
15	you
16	MS. KROLL: Yeah.
17	MR. PATTON: and told you should
18	shush.
19	MS. KROLL: Yes.
20	MR. PATTON: And so at that point,
21	your understanding your belief was that
22	this
23	MS. KROLL: I'm not supposed to talk
24	about it.
25	MR. PATTON: Yeah. The fund
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1 disparity, you indicated to me, was something 2 that Dave Saxby may not be aware of. MS. KROLL: 3 Right. MR. PATTON: Okay. Do you -- do you 4 5 know -- certainly, by the time he gets your January 25, 2012, memo and list of questions, 6 he's on notice now. MS. KROLL: Oh, yes. He knew at 8 9 that point. Did he -- do you 10 MR. PATTON: 11 think -- was there an event between February 12 of 2011 and February of 2012 that causes you 13 to think Saxby had become aware of it? 14 MS. KROLL: Yes. When I went to a 15 meeting, it was probably in September of 2011, 16 when the department first started working with 17 National Park Service on the agreement for them to operate Del Norte Redwoods Park up in 18 19 the northern part of the state, there was a 20 meeting that Saxby attended, Michael Harris 21 was there, I was there, Elsie Brenneman was 22 there, and Tony Perez was there, and we were 23 discussing how we were going to make this 24 agreement work, and I brought up the true fund 25 balance at that time.

1	MR. PATTON: Harris, Saxby, Perez
2	MS. KROLL: Yes. I
3	MR. PATTON: yourself. Who else?
4	MS. KROLL: Elsie Brenneman
5	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
6	MS. KROLL: from Budgets.
7	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
8	MS. KROLL: And I probably do have
9	notes somewhere on that meeting. They're not
10	right at my fingertips so
11	MR. PATTON: Okay. This is a
12	meeting with the National Park Services about
13	Del Norte Redwoods?
14	MS. KROLL: Yeah, but National Park
15	Service wasn't there; this was an internal
16	meeting
17	MR. PATTON: Okay.
18	MS. KROLL: for us to figure out
19	how we were going to
20	MR. PATTON: Lopez was there also?
21	MS. KROLL: Yes.
22	MR. PATTON: Okay. So Lopez
23	Michael Harris, Lopez, Saxby, Tony Perez,
2 4	yourself, Elsie Brenneman. Anybody else?
25	MS. KROLL: I don't believe so.
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1	MR. PATTON: Okay. Very good.
2	MS. KROLL: But there was a comment
3	made in the meeting by me
4	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
5	MS. KROLL: that, remember, we do
6	really have more in our fund balance than
7	what's been reported, and Tony shook his head
8	he knew, Michael shook his head that he knew,
9	and so did Saxby.
10	MR. PATTON: Okay. Very good.
11	MS. KROLL: So Aaron, I don't
12	believe, really looked and really understood
13	those questions that I had given him until I
14	went to him in July when I was irritated with
15	Mr. Saxby over this promotion in place in
16	Budgets, and I had caught Dave in another lie
17	telling me he had nothing to do with it when I
18	know that he did because that's his MO.
19	MR. PATTON: Nothing to do with
20	I'm sorry what?
21	MS. KROLL: The
22	MR. PATTON: Moving the SSM2
23	MS. KROLL: Yes.
24	MR. PATTON: position into
25	Budget?

1	MS. KROLL: Yes.
2	MR. PATTON: Okay.
3	MS. KROLL: Yes.
4	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
5	MS. KROLL: And so I went to Aaron
6	with that, and he knew I was upset about that.
7	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
8	MS. KROLL: And at the time, I said,
9	this is another thing that I had talked to
10	many people over the years about, and I showed
11	him the variance between the fund conditions,
12	and it wasn't until I actually showed him what
13	I had, just the one year, last year's balance
14	compared to what the budget office had
15	submitted last year, that he that Aaron,
16	his eyes were wide open and was like, oh, my
17	gosh.
18	MR. PATTON: That was in July?
19	MS. KROLL: Yes.
20	MR. PATTON: All right.
21	MS. KROLL: Oh, my gosh, I have to
22	tell I have to go talk to Michael Harris, I
23	have to go tell someone about this.
24	MR. PATTON: Okay. Good. Any other
25	shenanigans by Saxby you can recall?
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1	MS. KROLL: I there's probably a
2	lot I can't think of off the top of my head,
3	but he's just always going around the system
4	to get what he wants done, right, wrong or
5	otherwise.
6	MR. PATTON: This this issue we
7	talked about yesterday of the automated pay
8	machine monies and the shower monies going
9	into a reimbursement account.
10	MS. KROLL: Yes.
11	MR. PATTON: Whose plan do you think
12	that was?
13	MS. KROLL: That was that was
14	between the Visitor Services office and Manuel
15	Lopez.
16	MR. PATTON: Okay. How did well,
17	you said it was between you indicated
18	yesterday you called it an agreement
19	between Visitor Services and Manny Lopez.
20	MS. KROLL: Yeah. They had a
21	meeting that I was not involved in when
22	MR. PATTON: Uh-huh. "They" being?
23	MS. KROLL: Mary Velliquette
24	MR. PATTON: Yeah.
25	MS. KROLL: and Manuel, at a
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1	minimum. I don't know who else was there
2	MR. PATTON: All right.
3	MS. KROLL: but they were just
4	starting this new program and trying to
5	determine, I guess, how to fund the
6	maintenance costs.
7	MR. PATTON: The new program being
8	the automated pay machine?
9	MS. KROLL: Yes. It was supposed to
10	be a two-year pilot
11	MR. PATTON: Okay.
12	MS. KROLL: that lasted for a lot
13	longer than two years.
14	MR. PATTON: So there was no
15	provision in the appropriation for this
16	automated pay pilot program? There was no
17	provision for maintenance of the machines?
18	MS. KROLL: No.
19	MR. PATTON: Hu.
20	MS. KROLL: No.
21	MR. PATTON: There was an
22	appropriation for acquisition of the machines?
23	MS. KROLL: Yes. I believe they
24	used some of our regular appropriation
25	authority to purchase the machines.

1	MR. PATTON: So it sounds like kind
2	of a quagmire budget-wise; you're trying to do
3	something, but you have no monies for
4	maintenance to repair them.
5	MS. KROLL: Correct.
6	MR. PATTON: So what would you do?
7	What should you be doing?
8	MS. KROLL: Well, the correct thing
9	to do would be to present your concept through
10	the BCP process.
11	MR. PATTON: A budget change
12	proposal.
13	MS. KROLL: Yes.
14	MR. PATTON: Okay. And then try to
15	get some money redirected and appropriated for
16	maintenance?
17	MS. KROLL: Maintenance, right.
18	MR. PATTON: Okay.
19	MS. KROLL: And what I was told was
20	because it was a two-year pilot, Manuel
21	verbally told me over and over, every time I
22	asked him where's the documents from Finance
23	that this is an approved pilot, he would never
24	give me anything. I finally did get it in an
25	e-mail from him just that because I
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1	insisted I want you to confirm that this is an
2	approved pilot from Finance, and his response
3	back was "yes, DOF approved this." But I
4	never saw any document that showed they
5	approved it. And I can't honestly, I can't
6	imagine them approving us to skim revenue
7	fees are revenue to skim money from
8	revenues coming into the park and putting them
9	in a reimbursement account to turn around and
10	do maintenance with.
11	MR. PATTON: Okay.
12	MS. KROLL: It's wrong.
13	MR. PATTON: Okay. All right.
14	Anything else, Dorothy?
15	MS. KROLL: No, no. You took me
16	you took me to a lot of places I wasn't really
17	prepared to go, but that's all right. I
18	mainly wanted to clarify Aaron's notification
19	of when he really realized this fund balance
20	was a real problem.
21	MR. PATTON: Well, I'll take the
22	comment about my guidance capabilities as a
23	compliment.
24	MS. KROLL: Okay.
25	MR. PATTON: All right. We really
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1	appreciate your forthrightness and wanting to
2	get back in touch with us.
3	MS. KROLL: Okay.
4	MR. PATTON: If you think anything
5	else is important to bring to my attention,
6	certainly call me again.
7	MS. KROLL: I will, I will.
8	MR. PATTON: Okay. Thank you so
9	much, Dorothy.
10	MS. KROLL: Thank you.
11	MR. PATTON: And we will go off the
12	record at 3:05.
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